Allegation of restrictive trade practices in Maruti Udyog

347. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MRTP Commission is enquiring into the Maruti Udyog and its authorised dealers on the allegation of restrictive trade practices; and

(b) if so, whether Government will assist the Commission by using the services of the CBI to find out the fraud committed by these authorised dealers on the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MRTP Commission is a quasi-judicial body and devises its own procedures. Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) is a non-Government Company.

Firing by the Officer of the Richardsons and Crudas

348. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the firing by the officer of the Richardson and Crudas;

(b) whether there are any death; and

(c) what remedial action government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The officer has been placed under suspension pending investigation.

Expert Committee to examine the viability of eight CPSUs

349. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee was constituted to examine the viability of eight CPSUs in February, 1999;

(b) the time frame within which the Committee has been asked to give its report;

(c) whether the report has been submitted to Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d)Yes, Sir. An Expert Group was constituted in April, 99 to explore the possibility of revival of nine sick PSUs. These are Mining & Allied Machinery Corporation Ltd. (MAMC), Bharat Opthalmic Glass Ltd. (BOGL), Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO), Weighbird India Ltd. (WIL), Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd. (BPMEL), National Instruments Ltd. (NIL), National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd. (NBCIL), Rehabilitation Industries Corporation Ltd. (RIC) and Tangra Unit of Tyre Corporation of India Ltd. (TCIL). The Expert Group has submitted its report. Government is to take a decision on these recommendations and communicate these to BIFR/High Court as the case may be. The revival plan of NIL has been sanctioned by BIFR.

Placing of wagon order with sick PSUs

350. SHRI KHAGEN DAS:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Joshi requests Mamata to place sixty per cent of wagon order with sick PSUs" which appeared in Financial Express, dated 20.1.2000.

(b) if so, the response of the Railway Ministry to the request;

(c) the minimum number of wagons reqired to be ordered on Braithwaite, Burn Standard and Jessop units to sustain the revival of these units;

(d) the impact of the pricing as per the lowest tender on these PSUs; and

(e) the action plan of Government to resolve the issue in consultation with Railways?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry had